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... colligitur hæc Pueris & Mulierculis & Servis & Servorum ſimillimis Liberis eſſe grata. Gravi vero homini & ea quæ fiunt Judicio certo ponderanti probari poſſe nullo modo. Tull.

Monday, June 2. 1712.

I Have been conſidering the little and frivolous things which give Men Acceſſes to one another, and Power with each other, not only in the common and indifferent Accidents of Life, alſo in Matters of greater Importance. You ſee Elections for Members to ſit in Parliament, how ſaluting Rows of old Women, drinking with Clowns, and being upon a Level with the loweſt ſort of Mankind in that wherein they themſelves are loweſt, their Diverſions, will carry a Candidate. A Capacity for proſtituting a Man's ſelf in Behaviour, and deſcending to the preſent Humour of the Vulgar, is perhaps as good an Ingredient as any other for making a conſiderable Figure in the World; and if a Man has nothing elſe, better, to think of, he could not make his Way to Wealth and Diſtinction by properer Methods than ſtudying the particular Bent or Inclination of People with whom he converſes, and working from Obſervation of ſuch their Biaſs in all Matters wherein he has any Intercourſe with them: For his Eaſe and Comfort he may aſſure himſelf, he need not be at the Expence of any great Talent or Virtue to pleaſe even thoſe who are poſſeſſed of the moſt Qualifications. Pride in ſome particular Diſguiſe or other, (often a Secret to the proud Man himſelf) is the moſt ordinary Spring of Action among Men. You need no more than to diſcover what a Man values himſelf for; then of all things admire that Quality, but be ſure to be ſhining in it your ſelf in Compariſon of the Man whom you court. I have heard, or read, of a Secretary of State in *Spain*, who ſerved a Prince who was happy in an elegant Uſe of the *Latin* Tongue, and often writ Diſpatches in it with his own Hand. The King ſhewed his Secretary a Letter he had written to a foreign Prince; and under the Colour of aſking his Advice, laid a Trap for his Applauſe. The honeſt Man read it as a faithful Counſellor, and not only excepted againſt his tying himſelf down too much by ſome Expreſſions, but mended the Phraſe in others. You may gueſs the Diſpatches that Evening did not take much longer time; Mr. Secretary, aſſoon as he came to his own Houſe, ſent for his eldeſt Son, and communicated to him that the Family muſt retire out of *Spain* aſſoon as poſſible; for, ſaid he, the King knows I underſtand *Latin* better than he does.

This egregious Fault, in a Man of the World, ſhould be a Leſſon to all who would make their Fortunes; But a Regard muſt be carefully had to the Perſon with whom you have to do; for it is not to be doubted but a great Man of common Senſe muſt look with ſecret Indignation, or bridled Laughter, on all the Slaves who ſtand round him with ready Faces to approve and ſmile at all he ſays in the Groſs. It is good Comedy enough to obſerve a Superior talking half Sentences, and playing an humble Admirer's Countenance from one thing to another, with ſuch Perplexity that he knows not what to ſneer in Approbation of: But this kind of Complaiſance is peculiarly the Manner of Courts; in all other Places you muſt conſtantly go farther in Complyance with the Perſons you have to do with, than a meer Conformity of Looks and Geſtures. If you are in a Country-Life, and would be a leading Man, a good Stomach, a loud Voice, and a ruſtick Chearfulneſs, will go a great Way, provided you are able to drink, and drink any thing. But I was going juſt now to draw the Manner of Behaviour I would adviſe People to practiſe under ſome Maxim; and intimated, every one almoſt was governed by his Pride. There was an old Fellow about forty Years ago ſo peeviſh and fretful, though a Man of Buſineſs, that no one could come at him: But he frequented a particular little Coffee-houſe, where he triumphed over every Body at Trick-track and Baggammon. The Way to paſs his Office well, was, firſt to be inſulted by him at one of thoſe Games in his leiſure Hours: For his Vanity was to ſhew, that he was a Man of Pleaſure as well as Buſineſs. Next to this ſort of Inſinuation, which is called in all Places (from its taking its Birth in the Houſholds of Princes) making one's Court, the moſt prevailing Way is, by what better bred People call a Preſent, the Vulgar a Bribe. I humbly conceive that ſuch a thing is conveyed with more Gallantry in a *Billet-doux* that

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ſhould be underſtood at the *Bank*, than in groſs Money; but as to ſtubborn People, who are ſo ſurly as to accept of neither Note or Caſh, having formerly dabbled in Chymiſtry, I can only ſay that one Part of Matter aſks one thing, and another another, to make it fluent; but there is nothing but may be diſſolved by a proper Mean: Thus the Virtue which is too obdurate for Gold or Paper, ſhall melt away very kindly in a Liquid. The Iſland of *Barbadoes* (a ſhrewd People) manage all their Appeals to *Great Britain* by a ſkillful Diſtribution of Citron-Water among the Whiſperers about Men in Power. Generous Wines do every Day prevail, and that in great Points where ten thouſand times their Value would have been rejected with Indignation.

But to wave the Enumeration of the ſundry Ways of applying by Preſents, Bribes, Management of Peoples Paſſions and Affections, in ſuch a Manner as it ſhall appear that the Virtue of the beſt Man is by one Method or other corruptible; let us look out for ſome Expedient to turn thoſe Paſſions and Affections on the Side of Truth and Honour. When a Man has laid it down for a Poſition, that parting with his Integrity, in the minuteſt Circumſtance, is loſing ſo much of his very Self; Self-love will become a Virtue. By this Means Good and Evil will be the only Objects of Diſlike and Approbation; and he that injures any Man, has effectually wounded the Man of this Turn, as much as if the Harm had been to himſelf. This ſeems to be the only Expedient to arrive at an Impartiality; and a Man who follows the Dictates of Truth and right Reaſon, may by Artifice be led into Errour, but never can into Guilt.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Perſons of Quality.
For the Benefit of Mrs. POWELL.
By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Monday, being the 2d of June, will be Reviv'd, The Tragedy of Oedipus King of Thebes. The part of Oedipus by Mr. Powell, Adraſtus Mr. Booth, Creon Mr Keene, Hamon Mr. Mills, Tereſias Mr. Boman, the Citizens Mr. Penkethman, Mr. Norris, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Pack, and Mr. Leigh, Jocaſta Mrs. Knight, Euridice Mrs. Bradſhaw. By Her Majeſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

THE famous Water-Theatre of the late Ingenious Mr. Winſtanly is opened, where is ſhewn the greateſt Curioſities in Water-Works, the like was never performed before by any. It is ſhown for the Benefit of his Widow every Evening between 5 and 6 of the Clock. There is ſeveral new Additions, as 3 new Stages, Sea Gods and Goddeſſes, Nymphs, Mermaids, and Satyrs, all of them playing Water as ſuitable, and ſome of them Fire mingling with the Water, and the Barrel that plays ſo many Liquors is broke in pieces before the Spectators. There is a new Sea Tryumph: Containing Thirtheen Figures, all playing of Water, never ſhown before this Month, and other new Figures ſuitable to this Seaſon. Boxes 2 s. 6 d. Pit 2 s. firſt Gallery 1 s. 6. Upper Gallery 6 d. It is at the Lower-end of Piccadilly, and is known by the Windmill on the Top of it.

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